

**MINUTES OF QUARNDON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON 22 JANUARY 2018 IN THE VILLAGE HALL, QUARNDON**

**PRESENT:** Councillors: Dr M Pitt (Chair), J Cunningham, Dr P Hodson, J Richardson, C Rossel, A Small, C Turner, S Walton, Parish Clerk

**18/01 PUBLIC SPEAKING**

None

**18/02 APOLOGIES**

Councillor C Short (DCC), Councillor J Orton (AVBC), Councillor David Knight

**18/03 VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS**

None

**18/04 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS**

None

**18/05 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was resolved that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 18.12.17 were approved and signed by the Chair.

**18/06 TO DETERMINE WHICH ITEMS IF ANY FROM PART 1 OF THE AGENDA SHOULD BE TAKEN WITH THE PUBLIC EXCLUDED**

None

**18/07 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman thanked all those who came to take down and help with the Christmas lights. The lights on Burley Lane have been replaced with LED lights. The AVBC draft Local Plan will be discussed at the full council meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> March and if agreed will then go to final consultation.

**18/08 PLANNING**

Applications

We note that the Flood Risk Assessment was last revised 6 years ago and wonder whether in view of the evolving appreciation of the risks posed by climate change, a review of the flood mitigation measures contained therein is needed on the following two applications:-

- AVA/2017/1383 Land Adj To The Croft Somme Proposed dwelling and detached garage (resubmission of lapsed planning permission AVA/2013/0682)
- AVA/2017/1384 Land Adjacent No. 7 Somme Road Proposed dwelling and detached garage (resubmission of lapsed planning permission AVA/2013/0678)

There were no objections to the following application:-

- AVA/2017/1389 7 Woodlands Lane Extensions and alterations to dwelling

All windows stipulated as having obscure glass should remain so in perpetuity, in order to protect the amenity and privacy of the residents of neighbouring properties on the following application:-

- AVA/2018/0058 154 Burley Lane Construction of new detached dwelling
  
- TRE/2017/0207 2 Sulleys Field T1 Alder - Fell to ground level - The tree was planted by the landowner and has now outgrown its position. T2 Walnut - Crown lift to 4 meters and crown thin by 10% to include the removal of dead wood. T3 Sycamore - Fell to ground level - The tree is covered in Ivy and is causing excessive shading to the garden.

Approved

- AVA/2017/1331 183 Burley Lane Bow window to converted Garage
- AVA/2017/1319 43 Burley Lane Two storey rear extension, new garage & internal alterations
- TRE/2017/0188 168 Burley Lane Remove 1 no. Oak tree
- AVA/2017/1249 Farnhill 15 Montpelier Garage extension & conversion of existing garage to habitable accommodation

**18/09 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE**

The housing needs assessment has still not been received and therefore the public meeting due to take place tomorrow has been cancelled.

#### **18/10 PROPOSAL FOR ENTRY SIGNS/BOARDS ON THE FOUR MAJOR ROADS INTO THE VILLAGE**

No costs had been received for entry signs despite this being followed up. It was agreed to ask DCC for speed repeater signs through the village. The traffic group had met last week and will be reviewing the traffic update from DCC detailed in correspondence for information. There were about 20 cars parked on Church Road around the Joiners at the weekend due to the snow/ice which had caused a serious hazard. A parishioner had raised concerns about this and it was suggested to keep a diary/photographs. It was agreed to write to the Joiners with the concerns that had been received regarding the icy slope that customers had not been able to drive up and therefore parked on the road. It was agreed to ask DCC to withdraw the proposal to install two parking bays in the lay-by on Church Road.

#### **18/11 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE**

The black waste bin opposite 97 Burley Lane is not fixed to the lamppost and is loose on the road. It was agreed to report. Councillors were asked to keep an eye on the bin in the car park to see if it needs emptying.

#### **18/12 SKIP**

It was agreed to organise the skip for 21 April.

#### **18/13 LITTER PICK**

It was agreed to organise the litter pick for 21 April.

#### **18/14 NEWSLETTER**

Deadline for newsletter items by end of February for approval at the meeting on the 14 March and to be distributed from 22 March.

#### **18/15 BROADBAND**

Much of Quarndon has very poor broadband speeds. Digital Derbyshire upgraded some infrastructure near Quarndon in a previous phase. However, this did not provide any improvement to broadband speed in much of Quarndon.

The parish council has been investigating potential improvements.

Contact has been made with BT's Community Fibre Partnership to provide a better service but this is on hold awaiting a decision on the Digital Derbyshire approach.

Councillor Short contacted Virgin Media to see if they were considering expanding the network to Quarndon. He's received a response to say that this work is not in their plans for 2018 or 2019 currently. However, they are always looking to expand their network into new areas so it does not mean that it will not be done at some future point. There is a set budget per premise for every area that they go into and at this moment in time, Quarndon does not fulfil the criteria to fall within the budget.

The current position is that Digital Derbyshire is expected to announce that Quarndon will be included in the proposed Phase 3 deployment. This would be free of cost to the community.

#### **18/16 SINKING FUND FOR CAR PARK IMPROVEMENTS**

Councillor Richardson agreed to obtain some estimates for the resurfacing of the car park. It is expected that these would be in the region of £25k plus. It was agreed to include £3k in the Budget for next year.

#### **18/17 BUDGET/PRECEPT 2018/2019**

The budget was reviewed and updated. The reserves will go some way towards re-surfacing the car park and this will be an ongoing item in the budget. It was resolved to increase the precept to £14474 for 2018/2019 to ensure there are sufficient funds to do the work on the car park in the future and look after all the assets belonging to the Parish.

#### **18/18 WEBSITE**

Councillor Turner gave an overview of the website statistics. The results were very positive and should be able to provide a pattern of future usage.

#### **18/19 NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

Councillor Turner had met with PCSO Bennett. The community speedwatch training is due to take place shortly. Two burglaries had taken place on The Common, one at the cricket club and one in a private house where the cars had been stolen by taking the car keys from the house.

#### **18/20 TELEPHONE KIOSK/BOOK EXCHANGE**

A lot of books had been donated which was very pleasing.

#### **18/21 FOOTPATHS**

The foot bridge on FP2 has been repaired.

**18/22 CLERK'S REPORT**

- Play equipment inspection 8.1.18

**18/23 CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION**

None.

**18/24 ACCOUNTS****RESOLVE:** That the Accounts listed below be accepted for payment.

	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>£</b>
Bank Payment	Mrs L Storey	Salary/Expenses	229.08
Bank Payment	HMRC	PAYE	46.60
Bank Payment	Quarndon PCC	Room Hire	96.00
Bank Payment	JE Wright	Postage	41.24
	<b>Total</b>		<b>412.92</b>

Receipts

Bank interest £.36p

Monthly accounts circulated

**18/25 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

- DALC Circular 15/2017, 1-2/2018
- Quarndon Footpath No.2 bridge replaced
- Emerg Closure Church Rd, Quarndon
- National Village Halls Week !
- Derbyshire County Council - Local List
- DCC Mobile Library Route Updates - 29 January 2018 to 20 April 2018
- Closure Mercaston Lane, Kedleston
- AVBC East Midlands in Bloom Talk Invitation
- DCC Win cash for your old electricals
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**DCC update.****Joiners Arms Crossing – Church Road**

1. We have issued a small scheme of works to extend the footway on the verge just after the vehicular entrance to No's 73 & 75, to provide a connectivity footway from the western side of the Road to the footway commencing on the eastern side at the access gate to No.70. To facilitate these works (which will be likely undertaken in March 2018) we have had some extensive vegetation and trees removed from the embankment on the western side of the road (opposite the Joiners Arms). I am afraid we don't have line-of-sight drawings for what is in Highway Engineering terms a small scale scheme of works. It is something we have undertaken to provide some form of improvement to what you currently have as existing in terms of the current muddy verge and formerly overgrown vegetation impacting on the visibility around the bend.
2. Mirrors cannot be installed as they non-prescribed signs within the extents of the public highway since the change in the regulations, therefore I accept that ones are still in situ, such as the one on Church Road, however at a time when they become damaged, in need of repair etc, they will not be replaced. They can be sited on private land, however that is something subject to the land owner agreeing to its installation.
3. The SLOW markings on both approaches to the bend are in a good state of repair from a maintenance perspective and will be refurbished at a time when the road is surfaced or they become significantly worn.
4. You have to consider what measures are appropriate for the demand that a particular location has placed upon it, and in this instance I think it totally appropriate that we see once the footway improvement is completed and the improvement in the visibility of approaching traffic around the bend allows people a better opportunity to cross Church Road.
5. I will leave this one with you, I have to say I happen to have passed through the village a few times at different times of the day and since the car park modifications at the Joiners Arms I have to say I have not witnessed vehicles parked on the road/footway outside.
6. As No.5

**Village Entry Speed**

1. The Village Entry Signs and a proactive Community Speed Watch will go some way to helping address the acknowledgement of the village and a reduction in the entry speed through improved awareness and some visible monitoring.
2. See the comments provided in 'Village 20mph Speed Limit' heading.

### **Woodlands Road and Burley Lane Footways**

1. I note your comments in respect of the rural environment feel, I have in previous correspondence mentioned very rough estimates for the construction of footways at these locations that you have requested with the estimates being in the several hundred 000's of pounds.
2. The issue with the Burley Lane speed limit has been addressed in detail in my email to the Parish Council on the 29<sup>th</sup> November 2017, not sure if you have had sight of this email?

### **HGV Traffic through the Village**

1. The vehicle count/type survey through the village will be undertaken in March/April 2018 as the type and nature of the data collection we use is affected during these winter months I am afraid. I will let you know when I have possession of this data. In respect of your concerns about an increase in traffic as a consequence of the housing development at Markeaton Stones this is something which should be addressed through the planning application at Amber Valley Borough Council that this relates to. Derbyshire County Council as the Highway Authority is only a consultee at the pre-consent stage and therefore can only make suggestions/recommendations with regard to the consequences of such developments being implemented. I am aware that with such proposals there is a Construction Phase Plan that the development submits which relates to such matters as routes to and from the development in associated with such activities as earthworks etc. Certain conditions may be imposed by AVBC Planning which make the developer adhere to certain requirements.
2. The aspect of your enquiry relating to the setting of localised weight limit orders rests with ourselves as the Highway Authority. I think it would be most appropriate to discuss this element of your concerns for Quarndon once the proposed survey has identified, what if any extent of the volume and journeys they take is.

### **Kedleston Road / Church Road Junction**

1. I wasn't aware that a tree had been removed, therefore it may have been removed from a maintenance perspective, or diseased or affecting underground services or perhaps became unsafe.
2. In respect of your comments in item 2, I note your concerns but the approach as well from Kedleston Road into Quarndon is within the jurisdiction of Derby City Council and not Derbyshire County Council. The collision history analysis I am afraid is the measure by which we assess whether the junction would warrant the need for its layout to be altered.
3. I am afraid such a scheme of works to alter a junction layout in this instance would require extensive works, likely in the tens of 000's which would have to be bid for against other schemes across the County at a location here where we don't have a safety problem in terms of collisions occurring.

### **Village 20mph Speed Limit**

In respect of the above subject I will advise that recently a report was submitted for consideration at Full Cabinet on the 16<sup>th</sup> November 2017, entitled: 'Derby and Derbyshire Road Safety Partnership – Approval of Speed Management Protocol Engineering Technical Annex.

In essence this report has been designed as a Speed Management Protocol (SMP) and is a policy that we are to use across the respective partner organisations as a mechanism for providing a consistent approach to all matters pertaining, which includes Speed Limits, and in particular reference to this email, 20mph speed limits as well.

The SMP now places an emphasis on the support for such speed limits to be based in part on the previous collision related history for such locations, in respect of this document the criteria relates to their being 6 personal injury collisions over a 1km distance in the latest three year period of time, that we hold the data for. In this instance Quarndon, as an entire village has had one slight personal injury collision, in addition the criteria requires vehicles to have a recorded 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed of approximately 20mph.

I can only reiterate my previous comments in that all 20mph speed limit require a Traffic Regulation Order which governs it, aside from the additional supporting evidence of air quality, public perception, noise levels etc. We have as of yet still not reached a point where we are to implement the proposed 20mph limits for the villages of Fritchley and Brassington and therefore the County Council does not have any current proposals to provide further schemes at other locations such as Quarndon I am afraid.

### **Junction at Burley Lane / Church Road / The Common**

1. The difficulty here as we witnessed during our visit, is one which is common outside almost every school in the County and its when there is an over reliance on the use of the motor vehicle, particularly in small villages like Quarndon when some children come from further afield. However, that does not absolve people from parking in a manner which places neither themselves or others at risk/danger from parking selfishly and without regard for the road markings and signs which are in place for everyone's benefit. The other aspect to consider is that this is a short term issue, for one hour a day, Monday to Friday and term time only.
2. It would appear that as the school has only 140 pupils and no provision to accommodate off-road parking, that the use of the Village Hall Car Park would be the most appropriate solution, whether the school could contribute to its upkeep or some community type arrangement between all interested parties may be beneficial.

### **Disabled Parking on Church Road**

1. We are, as you are aware, agreed to look at pursuing a TRO for x2 dedicated disabled car parking bays in the lay-by opposite Queenies Tea Rooms, the proposal has been ranked through our TRO procedure and will be consulted upon, once it reaches the top of the ranking list and we have the resource available to promote the scheme. (Note: See item 18/10) above.

### **Inn Lane**

Not sure what you mean by recently placed National Speed Limit (NSL) signs at the junction of Inn Lane with The Common? These signs have been in situ for a number of years, Google Street View has the signs present in August 2009, they may

well have been replaced with new by our Highway Maintenance team as a consequence of their wear and tear or damaged in a RTC. However they are the terminal signs for the entry to the 30 onto Kedleston Road and the exit along Inn Lane into the NSL. The Lane is totally appropriate for the National Speed Limit designation it has applied to it, based on its characteristics and surrounding environment. However the speed limit is not a target speed and people should drive at a speed for the layout of the road they are travelling along. Therefore we have no intention of changing it from its current arrangement.

**18/26 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

- 26 February 2018 Quarndon Lower Village Hall

**18/27 POINTS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

Fireworks Display